

Picatinny Arsenal Hunting 2012/13 Season Summary

Deer Hunting Season

Special Areas Information Picatinny Arsenal (DMZone 54)

Youth Bow Hunt: Sep. 22, 2012; Bag limit: One deer of either sex.

Fall Bow Season: Sep. 29– Oct. 26 2012; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 27– Dec. 31, 2012; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 50 permits are available. Requires additional State permit.

Youth Firearm Hunt: Nov. 17, 2012; Bag limit: One deer of either sex.

Six-day Firearm Season: Dec. 3–8, 2012; Bag limit: two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 26, 27, Dec. 10–31, 2012 and Jan. 1–5, 2013; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available. Requires additional State permit.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 3–8, and 22, 2012 and Jan. 5, 2013; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shot-gun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available. Requires additional State permit.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2013; Bag limit: unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Black Bear Hunting Season (BM Zone 3)

Black Bear Hunting Season: Dec. 3–8, 2012. Anyone wishing to participate in the season must possess a Black Bear Hunting Area Permit. **The black bear permit application period is Sep. 14 – Oct 15.**

There are four bear hunting zones in New Jersey and hunters will be restricted to hunt only in the zone for which they possess a permit. Hunters will be limited to purchasing one black bear hunting permit, and the bag limit is one black bear per hunter.

Information about the season can be found on page 59 in the [2012 Hunting Digest](#). Please visit the page of **Frequently Asked Questions** for further information regarding the bear season. **After Harvesting a Bear — Mandatory Bear Check Requirement**

Properly licensed hunters who harvest a black bear shall immediately complete and affix to the bear the "Black Bear Transportation Tag" from their Black Bear Hunting Permit. Information included on the black bear transportation tag shall include: the hunter's name, address, current firearm license number; date and time of kill; nearest road, county and municipality of kill; and the sex of the black bear.

Black Bear Hunt Zones Map and Descriptions

2012–2013 Small Game Hunting Seasons

Coyote* and Fox, General: All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs. Bow and Arrow only: Sep. 29 to Nov. 9. Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 10– Mar. 15. ½ hour before sunrise to . 1/2 hour after sunset. No limit 8 a.m. start on Nov. 10. Small Game Hunting, *Coyote and Fox*, page 62.

Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season. All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs. Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Jan. 1 to March 15 (permit required) Permit holders may hunt days with certain restrictions; see *Notes* at right. No limit. For complete details, see Small Game Hunting, *Coyote and Fox*, page 62. Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession.

Youth Waterfowl Hunt: North Zone (Picatinny) Oct. 6 and Nov. 3, 2012

Grouse, Ruffed: North of Rt. 70: Oct. 18 to Dec. 1** and Dec. 10, 11, 13–31 South of Rt. 70: Nov. 10 to Dec. 1** and Dec. 10, 11, 13–31 Sunrise to . ½ hour after sunset. 8 a.m. start on Nov. 12

Youth Upland Bird Hunt: Nov. 3, 2012, 8 a.m. to sunset Pheasant — 2 Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 23).

Pheasant & Chukar: Nov. 10 to Dec. 1 and Dec. 10, 11, 13–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 18, 2013 Sunrise to 1/2hour after sunset. Chukar — 7 Pheasant — 2 8 a.m. start on Nov. 10 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see *Small Game Hunting* page 65). **NO STAMP REQUIRED FOR**

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Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit: Sept. 29 to Dec. 1 and Dec. 10, 11, 13–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 23, 2013 Sunrise to . 1/2hour after sunset Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1 8 a.m. start on Nov. 10

Squirrel, Gray: Sept. 29 to Dec. 1** and Dec. 10, 11, 13–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 18 Sunrise to 1/2hour after sunset 5 8 a.m. start on Nov. 10

Turkey: (Fall, Either-Sex) (Period N) Oct. 27–Nov. 3, 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

1 Turkey (either sex) per permit Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1–5, 8, 9, 11, 20–22 only.

Youth Turkey Hunt: Apr. 20, 2013 . hour before sunrise to noon 1 Male Wild Turkey.

Permit required. Refer to 2013 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.

Turkey: (Spring Gobbler) (Periods A to E) Apr. 22 to May 24, 2013, 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon 1 Male Turkey per permit Permit required. Refer to 2013 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.

Turkey: (Spring Gobbler, Youth) (Period Y) Apr. 20 to May 24 2013, 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon 1 Male Turkey per permit Permit required. Refer to 2011 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.

Woodchuck: Bow, Rifle, or Shotgun Mar. 1 to Sept. 26, 2012 Mar. 1 to Sept. 25, 2013 Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset No limit

Woodchuck: Bow or Shotgun Sept. 29 to Dec. 1** and Dec. 10, 11, 13–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 18 Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset No limit 8 a.m. start on Nov. 6 Woodcock See *Migratory Bird Regulations*** Sunrise to sunset 3 daily; 6 possession HIP number required (see page 73). 8 a.m. start on Nov. 6

* All harvested coyote must be reported to a regional Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.

** No firearm hunting is permitted on November 5 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.